

## GOD E HEAD CORRECT FOR INSIDE SO?

Want to know the subject I am quite sure God would not just fail, but “take last coco” and “carry class”??? **LOGIC!!!!** And you know which line I believe will be the second longest line in Heaven after the “TAKE YAH OWN 2 EYE SEE GOD SEP-SEP” line? The “TALK IT OVER NOW THAT YOU’RE IN THE BYE AND BYE” line!! Finally, Know what Church you should seriously wanda about? One whose Pastor, Prophet or Leader claims the ability to EXPLAIN God’s actions and the “REASONING” behind them! WHY do I say so? Because of what God’s men and GOD HIMSELF say about “His Ways”, in the BIBLE itself!!!! Want some examples?? OYA!

### **Romans 11:33**

<sup>33</sup> Who can measure the wealth and wisdom and knowledge of God? **Who can understand his decisions or explain what he does?**

### **Isaiah 40:28**

Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The eternal God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, doesn't grow tired or become weary. **His understanding is beyond reach.**

### **Isaiah 55: 8 - 9**

<sup>8</sup> For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

CLEARLY, or maybe I should say OBVIOUSLY, we MORTAL human beings with our FINITE minds are bound to be baffled by the actions of our INFINITE and ETERNAL God, who is able to see the end from the beginning. There are therefore countless things HE has done in the past and still does that *seem* totally **UNFAIR, ILOGICAL** and downright **CRUEL** to us, not to talk of **FOOLISH!**

Let me start with **FOOLISH**:

1. TURN DE OHDAH JAW MAKE DEM SLAP’AM TOO??!! (Matthew 5:39): How does that make sense eh? First you slap me; then, not only do I not “back’am back” INSTANTLY & SWIFTLY with my own 5 fingah duhty slap, ah turn body sey make you slap de ohdah jaw too? The natural human being that I am would already have struggled with a “just walk away soffly” command, but “turn the other cheek”?? Say ah be “mbutuku”??
2. JESUS’ HEALING “METHODS”: Jesus too be get some E “style” dem oh! Let’s just look at 2 healing instances which, of all things, involved SPIT – as in saliva, and PÔTÔ-PÔTÔ oh! (Warning to all Doctors: DO NOT TRY THIS AT THE HOSPITAL!)

### **Mark 7:32-37**

Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue.

### **John 9:1 & 6-7**

Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth...

...He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay.

Hmm! If I had been the deaf man, ah for tie heart small wit de putting of fingers in my ears, but “touch my tongue” for weti nah? As for the second case, it is even more “bizarre”! Ah tell you say ah no fit SEE, and then you come rub me “pôtô-pôtô” for eye??!! No be just for worsen de mattah dat??

Let’s move on to **UNFAIR:**

1. DE PARABLE OF DEH LABORERS IN DEH VINEYARD. (Matthew 20:1-16): This is what de whole affair boiled down to:

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup> So when those came who were hired first, (early in the morning, at 9 a.m., at noon and at 3 p.m. respectively), they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.”

Talk about “EQUAL PAY FOR UNEQUAL WORK” oh! Try da nonsense for dis America see wehda LABOR UNION no go slice you to pieces!!

What about the **ILOGICAL?**

1. GIVE MORE, HAVE MORE!!: This certainly defies the basic laws of Arithmetic oh! Whether you went to RCM New Town, Council School Tiko or Basel Mission School Nyassosso, there’s no way you passed that Common Entrance without mastering your “Times Table” (as in, “2 times 1 are 2”, at the back of your exercise book), knowing how to do both long and short division (complete with “it cannot go” & remainder 1”), figuring out your “Hundreds, Tens and Units” and finding the LCM & HCM (Lowest/Highest Common Denominator) oh! Where then, I ask you, in the whole History of “showing deh WORKING of ya SUMS” did you ever see that DIVIDING (as in sharing) or SUBTRACTING (as in “take away”), ever left you with MORE??? Except say na Nyongo COUNTING STICKS you be get, to go wit ya FAMLA slate and dustah??!!

So then, what's up with this Arithmetic-defying statement?:

One person gives freely, yet gains even more;  
another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty.

2. **BATTLE STRATEGY:** I know you are not General Collin Powell or General Pierre Semengue but even with ZERO military background, please hazard a guess as to what strategy you would use to fight a redoubtable well-trained army of valiant soldiers. I suppose you would recruit and build as strong an army as you could to stand up to them. Right? But go to Judges 7 and look at what God commanded Gideon to do when he had to fight against the Midianites. Gideon had him his 32, 000 men ready oh! God just cam slice de numbah down to 300, and then told them to shout and blow trumpets; no NINJA training or KUNG FU seff!! As for Deh Battle of Jericho, not even the world's biggest Mumu, could have come up with that kind of Military Line Up oh! However, here are the Marching Orders God gave poor Joshua:

<sup>2</sup> Then the Lord said to Joshua, "... <sup>3</sup> March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. <sup>4</sup> Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. <sup>5</sup> When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."

For real???!!! Ah really give Joshua "KONDOH" yah! He did exactly as he was told with TOTAL TRUST & CONFIDENCE in the SUPERNATURAL POWER of The One who gave those seemingly "foolish" orders. Result? The battle was won!!

Time to deal with CRUEL:

1. **JOB:** God Himself describes Job thus to Satan:

"There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."

Based on that description, shouldn't Job then be expected to enjoy a BLISSFUL, BLESSED & Ndotu-free life? One would think so but what befell him instead? His cattle, servants and 10 children were killed and he took gravely ill!!!

2. **MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS:** Just like you, I have read their story countless times but it is not until recently that I noticed some details that make Jesus' behavior seem even more bizarre, inexplicable and apparently "CRUEL".

Here are the relevant excerpts of the story, with the STRANGE details I am referring to, underlined:

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. ...<sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”...

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days ... <sup>14</sup> So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,<sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad I was not there ...

AH NGANA!!! Just put yourself in Mary & Martha’s place!!! Your beloved brother falls seriously ill and so you send word to JESUS, A BOSOM FRIEND and Miracle Worker whom you KNOW is very capable of healing him since He has healed MANY OTHERS, and “The Man” just “balances” where he is and allows the man to just die like that!! This would have been easier to swallow if they were complete strangers to Jesus, or if He had tried to hurry over to Bethany and just arrived too late!

In fact, haven’t we all prayed to HIM to save a loved one’s life, and He just hasn’t????!!! In Lazarus’ specific case, He does give a reason – interestingly, to the Disciples and NOT “TO WHOM IT REALLY CONCERNED” (Mary & Martha) for His delayed action:

“This sickness will not end in death. No, **it is for God’s glory so that God’s Son may be glorified through it.**”

And He did follow through, and bring Lazarus back to life, just as He has also answered some of our prayers for healing. However, He does NOT always answer our prayers for PHYSICAL healing, and just as Lazarus did eventually die, so will each one of us, at a TIME He has ordained, even before we were born!

OBVIOUSLY, there is a HUGE gap between the NATURAL and the SPIRITUAL. For example, it is NATURAL for us to want to “get even” or seek revenge when we have been wronged, whereas the SPIRITUAL thing to do would be to FORGIVE!

Remember what happened when God sent Papa Sam to Jesse’s house in Bethlehem to anoint the future King of Israel (since King Saul turned out to be a propah YABBER)?

“... Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.”

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “**Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**”

In the end, it is only AFTER ALL 7 sons of Jesse had been paraded before the Prophet Samuel (“Knock Door”-style) and “rejected” by God that “kpa kanda” DAVID, (whose own father clearly did NOT think much of him), was brought from deh bush and anointed – as GOD’S CHOICE, and what a KING he turned out to be!!

There is therefore no denying of the truth expressed in **1 Corinthians 2:14**

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are **foolishness** to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

So what do we do about our “foolishness”? I guess Pray for SPIRITUAL DISCRNMENT which I know will help us better see things from GOD’S ETERNAL perspective, (not our own short term MYOPIC view), while we **TRUST** HIS WISDOM, SOVEREIGNTY & ABILITY TO WORK ALL THINGS – GOOD & BAD, ULTIMATELY FOR OUR GOOD!

And what does Philippians 4:7 say?

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but **in every situation**, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup> And **the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus.